

December 20, 2004

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Gentlemen:

We read with great trepidation and concern of your consideration to allow the use of cellular phones on commercial aircraft flights.

Is it not enough that we already contend with loud mouth talkers, crying infants, children who kick the seatbacks, and obnoxious drunks while we're strapped into our seats for hours on end? Now you are approving the use of laptops and are considering cell phones to add to the mix? What can you possibly be thinking?

The American flying public is already traveling on frayed nerves with safety and security concerns being rampant. Do you realize what you're going to get at 35,000 feet? It will be called "Air Rage" and it will make road rage look like a walk in the park by comparison. Most passengers want peace and quiet in one of the last bastions of cell phone free space on this planet. Can you imagine sitting next to some business person who decides that a 5 hour flight is just the time to call all his customers and babble on incessantly? How about those from the social set who, having nothing else to do, will spend hours yakking up a storm while you try to read or, heaven forbid, sleep! We've been asked not to congregate around restrooms or in the back of the plane. Just where is it we will be able to go to get away from these cell phone jerks?

Have you thought about the fights that the cabin crews will have to break up when a person, so totally fed up with nonstop useless and pointless conversation, decides to punch out the guy in the seat next to him?

Face it, people today are rude. In times past smokers would ask people in their company; "Do you mind if I smoke?" When is the last time you heard that? It's the same idea with cell phones. We have the "*it's all about me*" generation in the flying public and if you approve cell phone use in flight you are asking for more trouble than you could ever begin to imagine.

It is your job to protect the flying public, not present them with potential problems past those that are inherent in the system as it stands. Leave the airliners cell phone free, please. Passengers and flight crews are already stressed enough without your adding fuel to the fire.

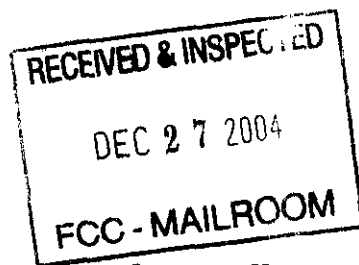
We expect a prompt and personal response to this letter and the concerns we have addressed, not a form letter from a computer system.

Sincerely,

*M/M. Lester R. Palmer*

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**Please please please do not allow cell phone use on airplanes EVER.**

This will make the flight an unbearable experience of increased noise and stress. How can anyone relax or think if people all around them are talking all the time? There will be no place to escape from the chatter on the plane—we will be forced against our will to endure other's conversations.

Sincerely

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Fairport, NY 14450  
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Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St. SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell;

As a cell phone user and person who likes to fly, I would like to express my feelings on allowing cell phones usage during regular airline flights.

On flights I like to sleep, read or just relax and would be very upset if I had to sit through a 9 hour flight--Chicago to Hawaii--FORCED to listen to some individual talking in my ear. I feel this action could increase cases of "Air Rage", due to inconsiderate cell phone users.

An analogy from a former teacher. Cell phone usage during flights could result in a noise level similar to students in a cafeteria during lunch, where each person has to shout louder than his neighbor to make sure he is heard. If you haven't heard this noise level recently, I am sure any school, in your area, would appreciate you volunteering for a week of cafeteria duty so you could.

My wife and I are both retired and do fly a great deal in our travels. If we found this to be something we choose not to tolerate, we would chose another form of transportation. If enough people do this, it will place another burden on an already cash strapped airline industry.

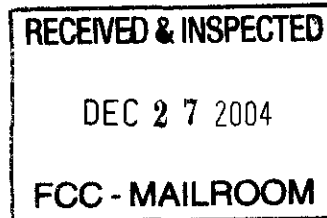
Isn't it time we stop big money requests and give something to the average citizen?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Richard Boardman*  
Richard Boardman

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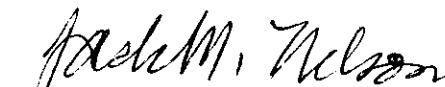
Dear Sirs:

I sincerely hope that the FCC will NOT vote to OK the use of cel phones on airplanes.

God knows, there is enough noise bombarding flyers now. We don't need more noise and incessant chatter to annoy us even more. Some people attempt to sleep on board planes and this would be impossible with a neighbor chatting on a cel phone.

Please, please, please do not allow the use of phones on planes. We got along just fine without this usage for many years. People should be willing to wait until the plane has landed and they are in the terminal to make their calls.

Sincerely.

  
Jack M. Nelson

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# Pat Oberg

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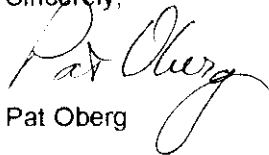
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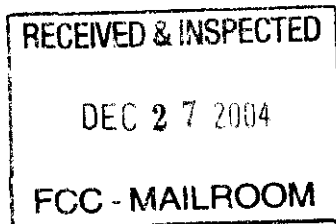
To Whom It May Concern:

I love to travel. I can't afford to do it as much as I'd like, but I go every chance I get. I don't even mind long plane flights as long as I can wile away the hours reading a good book. However, I'm not good at blocking out the sounds of conversation going on around me. The thought of being surrounded by passengers talking on their cell phones fills me with dismay and dread. I can't imagine anything worse. I used to take a commuter train to work and stopped because of the incessant cell phone chatter even at 6:00 in the morning. Who really needs to be on the phone at that hour? I think if passengers are allowed to use their laptops and can send email messages, that should be sufficient. Please spare those of us who are not addicted to cell phone use from having to listen to their endless conversations. I beg you.

Sincerely,



Pat Oberg



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Office of the Secretary  
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Gentlemen:

I hope that you are deluged with communications from people who are outraged at your plan to permit the use of cellular telephones on airline flights.

At least we can escape from the idiots who use phones while standing in check out lines or in waiting rooms. But being trapped in an airline seat listening to someone's inane prattle while crossing a continent, or worse yet, an ocean, would be sheer torture.

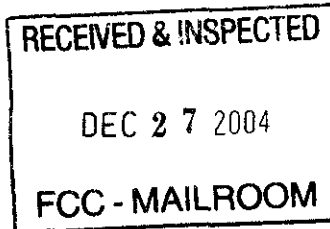
If you approve this foolhardy plan you should have an armed Sky Marshal on every flight, to prevent a berserk passenger from opening an emergency exit. Road rage will pale by comparison to Air Rage at 30,000 feet!

Very truly yours,

  
Rae Berry

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FCC  
445 12<sup>TH</sup> ST S.W.  
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Dear FCC,

RE: ALLOWING CELL TELEPHONES DURING FLIGHT.

The media has it that you are contemplating changing the rules and allowing cell telephones usage on commercial flights, and are seeking public response:

It is well known that stress is a killer....stress leads to a number of physical ailments.

The FCC has a responsibility to the well-being of passengers that goes beyond just the threat of mechanical failure of the aircraft.

To set up a situation where one is locked in a metal container, with no option to get away from being subjected to the very stressful noise pollution that is the hallmark of cell telephone usage is inhuman...and potentially physically damaging.

On-ground....most entities have controls relating to noise pollution, harassment and un-civil behavior...in the air we are at your mercy.

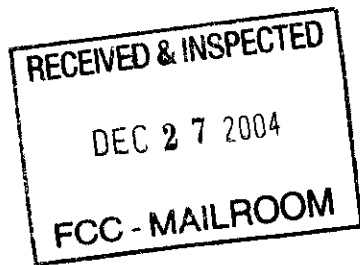
Airlines have a moral, if not a legal, obligation to not put passengers at undue risk for the stress that is certain to come up for a great many of us....caused by cell telephones... under these conditions. Passengers can certainly do their phoning before or after flight.....or with WI-FI...communicate by way of E-Mail. Airlines can increase their profits in other ways.

According to the media, the jury is still out on whether mobile phones are a risk to health, presumably not only to the user...but someone close by.

Sincerely,

Virginia S March  
December 22, 2004





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Chairman Michael K. Powell  
Federal Communications Commission  
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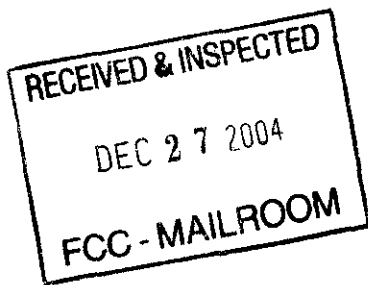
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The idea of allowing cell phone usage on air flights is heinous. As if air travel has not already become a torture, now the air (or what passes for air) will be pierced with buzzes and beeps and the opening notes of Beethoven's Fifth and dozens of people screaming, "I'M ON THE PLANE!!!!"

If you allow this to happen, another Pandora's box will be opened that we will all regret. Do not allow this to happen.

Sincerely,

*Thary Jayln*



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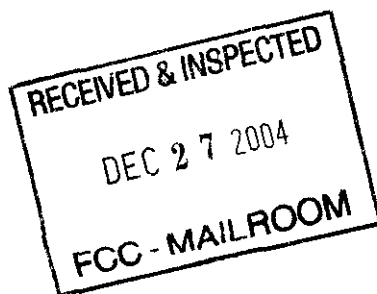
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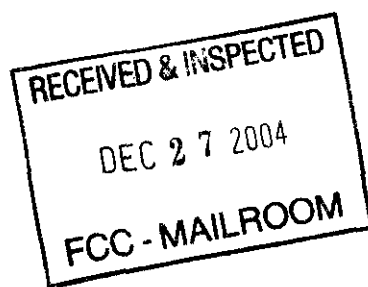
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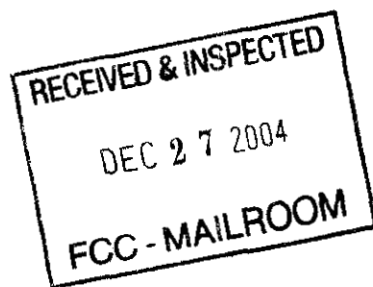
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

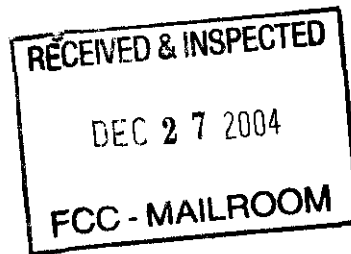
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Sincerely,

*Mary Taylor*

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC., 20554



Sir:

We are appalled and greatly disturbed to think that your office is even considering a request to allow the use of cell phones on an airline, where passengers are confined to such tight spaces. Whether they could be safely used electronically or not is beside the point. Lap tops are a different kettle of fish. At least as long as they are typing it is private and you dont have to listen to some loud voiced passenger shouting . No passenger should be allowed to use the confines of a cramped area to carry on his/her personal business and interfere with the quiet and comfort of another passenger.

The private and commercial world functioned very well without cell phones and their use for many years. There can be no justification now for this further intrusion into the privacy of fellow passengers by permitting others, who are less considerate, to carry on either business or personal conversations in an airplane.

As fare paying passengers , we would be entitled to the peace and quiet we should be able to expect on air flights to any destination, regardless of duration.

WE strenously OPPOSE allowing the use of cell phones on any public transportation, especially airplanes. We experienced it on an AMTRAK train and even there it was annoying to us and other passengers in the general vicinity of the user who was upset and agitated and using foul language on the cell phone call. HOW DO YOU PRPOSE TO CONTROL FOUL LANGUAGE BEING USED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION????

*Mr & Mrs Charles R. Fanno*  
MR & MRS CHARLES R. FANNO  
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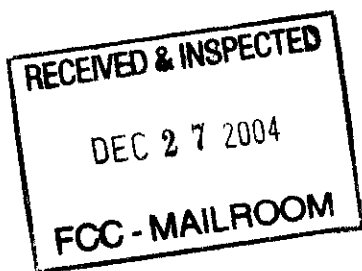
I am dead set AGAINST having cell phones used on airplanes. I can't think of anything worse than listening to 200 different phone calls all at the same time. Everybody has lived without being on a phone while in the air for all these years, they can continue to do so without adverse affects.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,



Nancy Mirr  
President



December 22, 2004

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
445 12<sup>TH</sup> Street SW  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commission Person,

We are writing in response to the possibility of allowing personal cell phones to be used on an airplane during flight. Although there are emergency times it is appropriate for people to use whatever phone is available, we both feel that unrestricted use of a cell phone during a flight is a completely unacceptable decision.

Although we are not frequent travelers, we do travel enough to know that we don't want someone sitting close to us conducting business or talking to a friend on a cross-country or trans-Atlantic flight for hours on end.

Please, FCC, do not permit this madness. We have two cells phones ourselves, but would not put anyone through that torture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim &amp; Sally Kennedy".

Jim and Sally Kennedy

*We vote "NO"!*



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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Office of the Secretary

145 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW. Room TW-B204

Washington, DC 20554

Regarding: Lifting the Ban of Cellular Telephone Use on Airlines

To Whom It May Concern

While reading the Sunday Union Tribune newspaper in San Diego, I came across an article regarding the FCC's possible lift of use of cellular telephones on commercial airlines. I am hoping that enough people like myself, will write in and encourage the FCC to reconsider this.

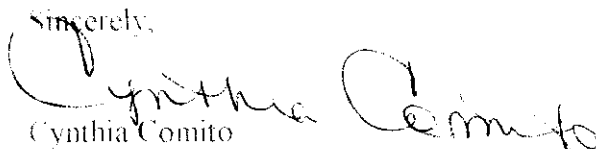
I travel quite often, both for business and for pleasure. Just the thought of having to listen to people talking on their cell phones during an entire flight makes me cringe. There is no need for passengers to make calls, personal or business, while in flight. We have lived without our cell phones while in flight, and I believe we can continue to do so.

Flying is stressful for most people - whether they will admit that or not. I believe that allowing cell phone use in-flight will add to the already existing stress we feel when flying, will make it difficult for customers to hear the pilot or flight attendants over the intercom, and just plain irritate us.

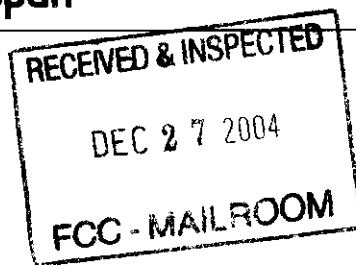
Please consider those of us who must fly frequently and how much more irritating this experience will be when we have to listen to Becky chat with Billy about Friday night, or Mr. Important talk about his next 'great business deal'. Really - none of that is so important it just can't wait. Passengers should just reach into the seat back and pull out a magazine, enjoy the quiet moments while they last - the flights aren't really all that long that something cannot wait.

Thank you for your time and consideration of those, like myself, who take others into consideration by not yakking incessantly on our cell phones.

Sincerely,



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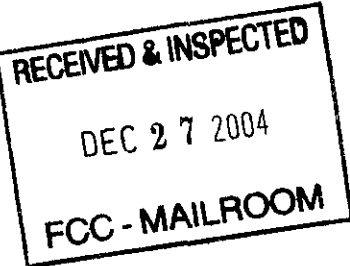
PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT PERMIT THE  
USE OF CELL PHONES ON AIRLINES.

THEY WILL NEVER STOP BABBLING!

IT'S THE ONLY REST I GET WHILE  
TRAVELING, BEING IN THE AIR, AND FOR  
A FEW HOURS I DON'T HAVE TO BE  
BOMBARDED WITH NOISE!

SINCERELY,

LAWRENCE D. MEGAN



December 19, 2004

To: FCC  
445 12th. St.  
SW Room TW-B204  
Washington D.C. 20554

Re: Cell Phones on flights.

I cannot think of anything more horrible than cell phone on a flight that I am on.

Can you imagine the annoyance of listening to several conversations ( useless I might add ) each trying to over talk another. Isn't it bad enough we have to put up with it in Restaurants, retailers, ball games, etc.

When I travel by plane it is usually for pleasure. The last thing I want to cope with is some loud mouth trying to sound important at my times expense. I could not read or think with all that useless noise. As it is the terminals are almost unbearable, but at least you can move away. Where do you go while locked in the air for 5-8 hrs. and sometimes more.

Please, Please, Please! Give us a little peace. NO CELL PHONES IN THE AIR!

Beverly Reiersen

RICHARD T. SELLS  
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Re: Use of Phones in Airplanes

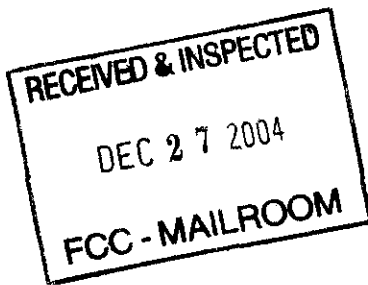
I am debinitely against  
using cell phones in airplanes  
during the flight.

I am a frequent traveller  
and its bad enough to have to  
listen to someone else talking about  
their big business deals, love affairs,  
or whatever they may be  
talking about before the plane  
takes off.

I can see right in the  
plane as we tell people to  
be quiet or just shut up.

Its offensive and we  
dont need it.

Richard T Sells.



Richard F. Leeds, M.D.  
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December 18, 2004

Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary,  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Room TW-B204  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Allowing In-Flight Cell Phone use

Dear Commissioners:

There has been ample news coverage in the past week indicating that your commission is strongly considering removing the existing ban on cell phone use in passenger planes in-flight. In the event that at least some of you have not had the pleasure of arriving at airports hours ahead of time, have managed to pass the security checkpoints while holding onto your personal items while partially undressing, and then flying in the coach section of a filled-to-capacity modern jetliner for sometimes (many) hours at a time. One is literally trapped in one's seat because of the seating configuration of the cabin and the rather constant traffic of serving carts in the aisle. Cell phone users are not known to be the most considerate people and many have developed a compulsion to use their phones incessantly. This has become annoying enough in a super market or on a short trip in a city bus. It is substantially worse in a train car such as AmTrak where we have had to move a number of times on trips of a few hours, in order to escape from loud motor-mouths who are enough to drive any ordinary mortal to distraction.

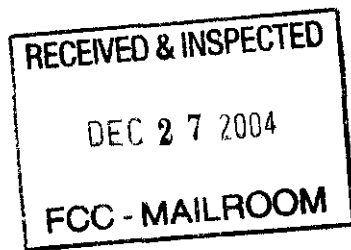
If "road-rage" is considered a serious problem (and I believe it is), I cannot imagine what a plane full of telephone addicts will produce---I believe it will produce an exceedingly ugly situation. I do not believe for a moment that asking people to be considerate of their fellow passengers, etc., will work. I implore you to not even consider lifting the ban on cell phones use whether or not it is shown to interfere with jetliner electronics.

The possibility of air passenger rage may seem an exaggeration, but from the bland discussions that one reads in a variety of media, I believe the size and complexity of the cell phone related problems in such a confined space have yet to be considered.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

Richard F. Leeds, M.D.



FCC  
Washington, D.C.  
December 19, 2004

**Re: using cell phones on airplanes**

I hope you don't do this....To go through the stress of preparing for trip, going through the airport,,and then finding a place for your luggage, you want to sit down and relax....

You don't want to listen to jabber and loud personal conversations.

Life is difficult enough these days without adding this nonsense to our pschyque. What is the purpose? So they can call to say their plane is 20 min. late? Let them wait it out at the airport, and give our ears a rest.....Please,,,do not allow

**CELL PHONES TO BE USED ON AIRPLANES.**

THANK YOU,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gloria Moser".

Gloria Moser 370 Rosecrans St. San Diego CA 92106

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Mr. Donald Shepherd  
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Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

Allowing the use of cell phones once a plane is airborne is a terrible idea. It is bad enough that we have to put up with this during the boarding process. As a corporate director, I fly a lot and I use the air time to read or work on reports. Having to listen to cell phone conversations (often in a loud voice) is very disruptive. Have you ever tried to read and digest the inside of a book jacket in a bookstore while someone is talking on a cell phone? In the air we are likely to have a cell phone concert. What about the rights of passengers who want to read, study or sleep in peace? The world won't end if someone has to wait a few hours to make a call. I have been flying for 45 years as a businessman and truly believe that implementing this proposal will be a disaster for the vast majority of the flying public.

Very truly,

Donald R. Shepherd

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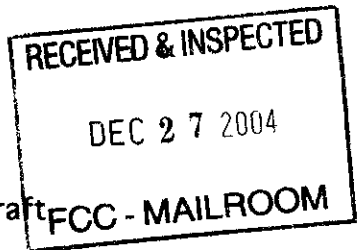




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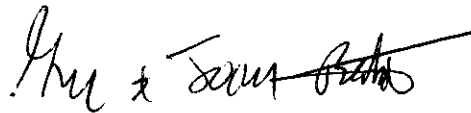
Dear FCC:

Today's news indicated that the FCC was considering allowing cell phones to be used on commercial aircraft in the United States. I can not think of an idea that would be as annoying to the masses of travelers than being belted in a seat next to a loud talking, impolite serial cell phone user for 4 or 5 hours. One would welcome the crying baby, the obese seat mate or the drunk compared to the noisy drivel of a cell impolite phoner.

In addition to annoyance and head aches as well as confrontations galore there is a major safety factor. How would the cell phone person and the innocent seat mate hear the various alerts issued by the air crew during the flight? How would the flight attendants be able to do their safety job in an emergency? ie: "I can't put on the oxygen mask until I complete this call, it will only be a couple more minutes. Go bug someone else".

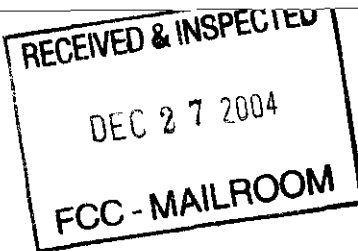
If the greed of the airlines and phone companies coupled with the cries of both legitimate and non stop cell phone users overcome your common sense on the issue. I have a compromise. Let the users send text messages. The majority gets to enjoy silence and maintain their sanity in a safe environment. The cell phone users can communicate by text message, lap top computer or other quiet technology. Let us rest in peace.

thank you for considering our view.



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cc: Senator Diane Feinstein  
Senator Barbara Boxer



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December 16, 2004

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS CMMSSN  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Washington DC 20554

RE: Removal of ban on use of in-flight private cell-phones

TO WHOM IT CONCERNS:

I oppose the lifting of the ban on the use of private cell-phones in flight. Whatever business that must purportedly be conducted, can be conducted when one is not in such close proximity to one's neighbors. There comes a point when consideration must trump selfish self-interest and thoughtlessness.

Cell-phones have become a scourge. They are more often than not used solely for incessant yammering by the bored. It is bad enough that one must be subjected to them in airports: I cannot imagine the hell of flying accompanied by endless ringing of cell-phones and the chitter-chatter of travelers who apparently do not know how to sit still or to speak quietly or to read. And what of the stewards and stewardesses? How much more difficult will it make their job when they have to contend with passengers who ignore them?

I enjoy flying. I enjoy looking out the window, reading, thinking, and the relative quiet. It can be a most peaceful, pleasant break. Cell-phones in flight would be intrusive and uncivilized. Please do not allow it.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM APT

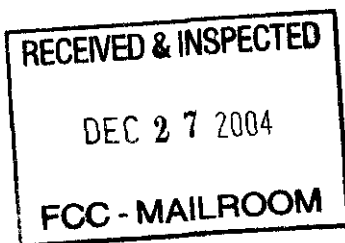
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cc: Customer Relations  
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Houston TX 77210

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Royce A. Fincher  
422 Clinton Street  
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17 December 2004

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Oppose Cell Phones on Airplanes

Gentlepersons:

Please register my objection to cell phone use on air flights, where compacted seating of passengers would make each cell phone call an intrusion on people seating in a wide area of the plane. Rest would be difficult. Compelled listening to others' conversations is an invasion of the privacy of many others. Moreover, it will inevitably lead to disagreements of the kind that public safety in the air cannot afford.

My "back-up" position is to request that cell phone usage be limited to, say, 30 minutes after take-off and 30 minutes before landing.

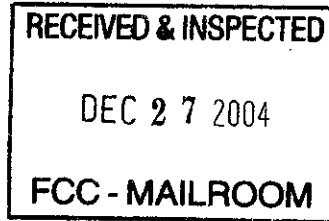
Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Royce A. Fincher", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

ROYCE A. FINCHER

100 Campbell Circle, D-29  
Downingtown, Pa. 19335

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554



(attention: Cell Phone comments)

Gentlemen:

As a frequent flyer, I wanted to express my deep concerns about permitting individual passengers to use cell phones during flight.

It is even now nearly impossible to secure solitude in the lounge areas while waiting for flights due to rude cell phone users. With the need to arrive at airports very early for security checks, many of us would at least like some peace and quiet to take a quick nap or perhaps even read.

I cannot believe we now have to face the possibility of extending this chaos to an airplane. I can understand the need for some brief business related calls, but I for one do not want to listen to some fool next to me talk incessantly about sports or their dating life.

Frankly, the outrage over such disturbances can become quite serious as was evidenced during a recent play in Philadelphia when a fool neglected to put his cell phone on vibrate and the crowd nearly turned on him.

I believe flight attendants have enough balls to juggle with monitoring drinking and unruly passengers without putting this house of cards into the mix.

I am sure the airlines would like to increase their revenue at nearly any cost to their passengers as is already evidenced by the sardine can seating on many flights.

If we must offer cell phone service to passengers, I hope it is carefully regulated to protect the rights of those of us who cherish peace and quiet.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lawrence L. Jaffe, Ph.D.

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Marylou and Walter  
Raushenbush  
1730 Avenida del Mundo #908  
Coronado, CA 92118

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12/21/04

Dear FCC -

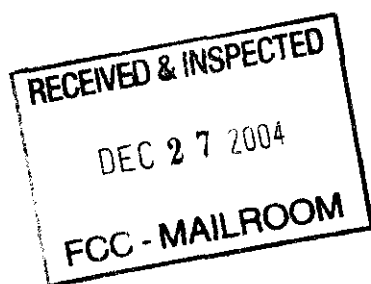
We are moderately frequent flyers  
on commercial airlines all over the  
United States.

Please count us as strongly opposed  
to allowing cell phone use during airline  
flights. We always look forward to the  
announcement requiring discontinuance  
of cell phone use — both because it  
gives promise of flight departure and  
because it ends the tiresome conversational  
cacophony which is especially  
unpleasant in the close quarters of  
an airliner.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Walter Raushenbush  
Marylou Raushenbush



Charles McGibbon  
7803 Enterprise Road  
Ferndale, Wa., 98248

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445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D. C., 20554

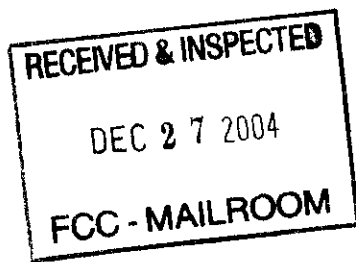
Dear Sir:

I believe that cellular telephones should not be operated in commercial aircraft. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Yours Truly,

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Charles McGibbon



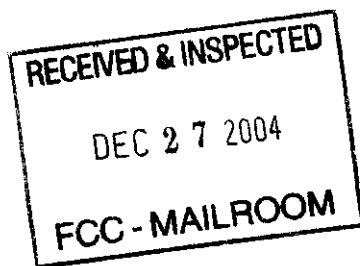
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Please count us as those  
vehemently opposed to the use  
of cell phones during commercial  
flights

Paul & Luann Van T, L

Juann K Van T





PO Box 621  
Port Washington, NY 11050

December 20, 2004

Chairman Michael K. Powell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing about the Cell Phone industries practice to tie customers to term contracts when there is no reason to do so. This is now an industry wide practice and I think wrong and I hope something your office can look into.

I understand that if the cell phone company gives you a phone, subsidizes a phone then they need to cover that cost and want to keep their customers.

The practice now includes that even if you just change your rate / plan your one year contract is extended for another year.

I find it hard to understand why you would need to be tied to a one or two year contract just for using their service and not even asking for a free telephone.

I would believe this practice became more important to the cell industry after number portability became a way for customers to take their numbers and switch at will. Is that not right of people in a free society to change companies at will?

I hope your office can look into this bad practice. I am also going to copy The New York State Attorney General incase this is more in his area of practice.

Regards

Lee Kalinsky

DATE: December 20 2004

TO: Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, D.C. 20554

FROM: Carol J. Voelker, Ph.D.  
6483 Avenida Manana  
La Jolla, CA 92037  
T 858 459 6652

RE: Cell Phone Use on Airplanes

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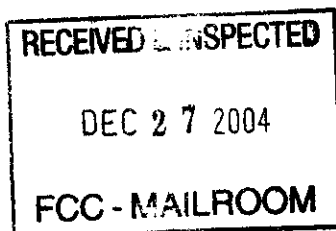
My response is an emphatic NO. I fly frequently for both business and pleasure and I would not welcome people sitting next to me or near me chatting about everything for lack of something else to do! Sleep, read, enjoy the people who sit next to you, whatever but not talking loudy on cell phones.

No cell phones: not on short hops, not across continents, not international flights across oceans.

Thank you for asking,

  
Carol J. Voelker

*E. Eugene Miller*  
CONSULTANT, CRIMINAL JUSTICE



SUITE 309  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20007  
(202) 965-1307

December 21, 2004

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Proposed Rule #04-288

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The purpose of this letter is to offer a public comment in opposition to the FCC's proposed rule #04-288, which would permit the use of cell phones during commercial aviation flights. As a very frequent flyer, it is my opinion that permitting the use of cell phones during flights would lead to disorder and disruption, especially on longer flights. Many people use flights as an opportunity to work, read or even take a nap. As inconsiderate and impolite as many cell phone users are, their shouting into their phones will surely produce a disturbing element in-flight, which will not be tolerated by other passengers. The resulting discord will inevitably distract flight attendants from their other duties and lead to protracted verbal, if not physical, confrontations.

In this instance, technological feasibility does not equal applied wisdom. Unlike other modes of public transportation, e.g., trains, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to establish quiet areas, wherein cell phone use would not be permitted. Let people, who must communicate while flying, use their laptops or some other quiet means to do so. Please do not use your rulemaking authority to create a ready source of conflict and disorder in the passenger cabins of commercial aircraft.

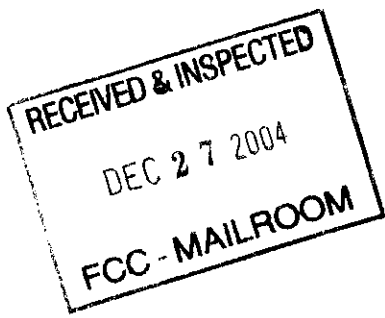
This is the first time that I have ever written a public comment to a regulatory agency about any proposed rule; that is how strongly I feel about this issue.

Please be assured that your consideration of these comments will be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "E. Eugene Miller".

E. Eugene Miller



13534 Landan Rd  
San Diego Ca  
92130

Dec. 19 2004

To whom it May Concern:

I would like to register my  
Comments regarding cell phone use on  
airlines. I will not fly on any  
airlines that will allow using cell phones.  
While I recognize that cell phones  
have provided a convenience for all  
of us, I also think it has disrupted  
almost all activities and I  
welcome the quiet times in planes.  
~~that~~ I will choose to fly any  
airline that bans the use of these  
intrusive instruments.

Sincerely  
V Bennett

Helen Adler  
2 Tudor City Place  
New York, New York 10017

December 29, 2004

AT&T Wireless Correspondence  
P.O Box 68055  
Anaheim Hill, CA 92817-8055

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you at this time since I have been unable to resolve a dispute through your customer service/customer care unit. Your 800# for customer service is one of the worst I have ever experienced. I spent 45 minutes on the phone getting switched into several different areas, being disconnected, having to call back and go through your prompting system repeatedly and then ultimately not having anyone who was responsive.

In November, 2004 I switched wireless carriers believing I was no longer on my contract. According to my written contract (see attached) my wireless contract was up on October 13, 2004; I was on a 2 year contract. However, I got slapped with an early cancellation fee of \$175 and since then a subsequent late charge and additional taxes. I would have **never** switched carriers if I believed I was still on my contract. According to one of the AT&T customer service representatives I spoke with, I apparently and unknowingly entered into an additional 1 year contract when I increased my minutes in June, 2004. First off, I was never informed verbally that this was AT&T's policy when you increase your minutes, and, I was never given anything in writing to this effect nor did I sign anything. If this is your policy then you need to fully disclose it to your customers. To be perfectly honest, I feel I have been scammed and therefore I am disputing this early cancellation charge.

Since I feel your business practices are bordering on the unethical and that you do not provide full disclosure to your customers, I am also sending this letter to (3) individuals who have been particularly sensitive to the practices of the telecommunications industry, namely Senator Charles Schumer in New York, New York Attorney General Elliot Spitzer and the FCC.

I do expect that this dispute will be resolved quickly. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,



Helen Adler

CC: Senator Charles Schumer  
NY Attorney General Elliot Spitzer  
FCC ✓



# Personal Service Information

## ACCOUNT INFORMATION

☐ New Account ☐ Add to Account ☐ Account Resp. Change ☐ Refer to Account ☐ ESN Change

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Wireless Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Bill to: ☐ Home ☐ Business

Customer Name (Subscriber) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Complete If Bill To Address Is Different From Home Address*

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR WIRELESS SERVICES WITH AT&T WIRELESS ("AGREEMENT"). BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU AGREE TO BE BOUND TO THIS TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT EVEN IF ANOTHER TERM IS REFERENCED IN OTHER MATERIALS YOU HAVE RECEIVED. If you cancel your service before the end of the two-year term, you will be charged the early termination fee that is contained in your AT&T Wireless Calling Plan or Rate Plan ("Rate Plan") brochure or promotional materials. This Agreement hereby incorporates by reference the Terms and Conditions and other information set forth in the AT&T Wireless Welcome Guide, the Rate Plan brochure and/or feature or promotional materials (collectively, "Sales Information") that you were provided. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have received and reviewed the Terms and Conditions and Sales Information and that you agree to be bound by such Terms and Conditions and the Sales Information for the term of your Agreement. You will only be eligible to retain the promotional benefits that were provided in connection with the two-year term if you complete and return this Agreement.

By signing below, you confirm the truth and completeness of the above information and authorize any trade references or consumer reporting/credit agencies to furnish AT&T Wireless with your employment or credit information.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mo./day/yr.) \_\_\_\_\_

## SERVICE INFORMATION

Welcome Guide Version \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mo./day/yr.) \_\_\_\_\_



Ltr-Subscriber Agreement/MN/V1 07/01  
Change Code: New  
NAT01-831

Date of Invoice 11/23/04

Account Number 40329880

Account Name H ADLER

**Important Notice:**  
AT&T Wireless appreciates and values your business. We are concerned that your payment has not yet been received. If you have not already done so, please remit your payment today. If payment has already been mailed kindly disregard this notice and accept our thanks as a valued customer.

**Helping To Build Your Credit**  
If you fail to pay your bill according to the applicable Terms and Conditions, we may turn the matter over to a collection agency and your credit rating may be adversely affected. If you have a billing dispute, please write to us within 60 days at the address provided on this invoice.

**TOTAL OF ADJUSTMENTS**  
917-744-4709 EARLY CANCELLATION FEE 175.00

**IMPORTANT MESSAGES:**

You received an adjustment on your account. Please see the Payments and Adjustments detail on a previous section of this invoice.

**MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES**

10/22/04 Through 11/21/04  
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CALL FORWARDING .00  
CALL WAITING .00  
PCS VOICEMAIL .00  
CALLER ID .00  
LINE NUMBER BLOCKING .00  
DETAIL BILLING .00  
AT&T 2-WAY TEXT MSG \$0.00 .00  
DOMESTIC LONG DIST. FM SVC AREA .00  
DOMESTIC LONG DIST. CREDIT .00  
MOBILE TO MOBILE LOCAL 3.83CR  
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REGULATORY PROGRAMS FEE 1.34

61.16

**TOTAL HOME AIRTIME CHARGES**  
UNLIMITED NIGHT & WKND 55  
UNLM MOBILE TO MOBILE 45  
300 ADDITIONAL MINUTES 164  
Minutes 264

Rate .000  
Charge .00  
0.00

**FEDERAL TAX**  
SALES TAX 1.89  
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NY CITY UTILITY G.R. SUR 1.08  
LOCAL WIRELESS SURCHARGE 1.30  
UNIVERSAL CONNECTIVITY CHARGE 6.24  
GROSS RECEIPTS SURCHARGE 8.00

**TOTAL TAXES, SURCHARGES & REGULATORY FEES**

39.53

**TOTAL CURRENT MONTHLY CHARGES**

90.69

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- Questions?
- ◆ attwireless.com
  - ◆ 1-800-888-7600
  - ◆ 611 from your wireless phone
  - ◆ TTY users - 1 866 4-AWS-TTY

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**SUMMARY OF MONTHLY CHARGES FOR ACCOUNT 40329880**

Date of Invoice: 12/23/04

Previous Balance	Payments Received	Late Payment Charge	Adjustments	Balance Forward	Current Monthly Charges
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Your billing cycle began on 11/22 and ended on 12/21.

**Total Amount Due**

**Current Monthly Charges**

Monthly Service Charges	.00	179.09
Home Airtime Charges	.00	
Home Long Distance Charges	.00	
Messaging, Content, Application & Wi-Fi	.00	
Roaming Charges	.00	
Other Charges and Credits	.00	
Government Fees & Taxes	.22	

**Total Current Monthly Charges DUE UPON RECEIPT**

**.22**

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

**179.09**

Your Wireless Account is  
Currently in Canceled status

You can now pay your invoice online @ [www.attwireless.com/ocs](http://www.attwireless.com/ocs)

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Please Return This Portion With Your Payment.  
Use of service or payment of this invoice indicates agreement  
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Yes, I want to enroll in REFT and have my monthly payments  
automatically deducted from the account on my enclosed check  
(see reverse ).

Check here for change  
of address (see reverse)

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**Account Name: H ADLER**

**Account # 025-40329880**  
**Wireless #**

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**Amount Paid** **\$**

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